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S's age: 35, married, wife is graduate of Lviv Ped. Inst., but is a native of eastern Ukraine. They have two children (boy and girl /?/) aged 10 and 2. Subject is a native of what is now Poland. After WWII he was repatriated to a village near Zalishchyky. His mother still lives there. He completed his higher education, including the doctorate in Kiev: Kiev U followed by Ac Sciences.

Trip to USA: He arrived at the U of ~~Kiev~~ Miami in Dec. 1969 for a five-months stay. The trip and his fellowship (some \$5,000) was ~~paid~~ sponsored by the Mathematics Institute of ~~Ukr~~ Miami. He was not too happy there because of the low calibre of scientists in Miami and after long delays managed to get north: New York, Princeton.

Subject talked freely about problems which may be considered touchy. This is because he is more sure of himself, being a member of the scientific elite.

He did say, that currently in the Ukraine there is a feeling of uncertainty as to what will come next. The present political structure seems to be a temporary thing. When one knew exactly where one stood with the previous Soviet leaders, this cannot be said for the present leaders. He repeated an anecdote, which says that the present leaders are proving that the country can be run without any leaders.

Personalities:

SHELEST, P.Yu.; "I know him well". Shelest's son is one of the directors at the institute, which makes subject somewhat inclined, and "it is thanks to him that I am here today."

The Old man is not too well-versed in the fine points of national politics. His main concern is that the economy of the Ukraine is in good shape.

OVCHARENKO -- a good man in my opinion, but completely lost when it comes to be the interpreter of the party's ideology.

SKAIA -- kicked out of the CP because of his adherence to the Brezhnev leaders as a bourgeois nationalist, which only proves that Shelest has a nose for reality.

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The latest directive to publish Kharkiv in Ukrainian was met with loud cries of protest, but the program is being implemented.

Not everything Ukrainian is Ukrainian and not every Sov is a Russian. This is the first of the subject tried to stress. He explained that Ukrainian Math Journal appears in Ukrainian but it is run for and by Jews, and it is very hard for a Ukrainian to publish his articles there. On the other hand Antonov, the aircraft designer is in Kiev. He is a Russian, and the primary reason why he is in Kiev is that in Moscow he would have more competition. But by having the design institute in Kiev it puts the city on the map for one thing, and it employs hundreds of socialists, many of whom are Ukrainian working in the Ukraine, so here is a case where an Sov (Antonov) is doing something good for the Ukraine.

The recently opened Donetsk branch of the Ac of Sciences is not a show piece but a serious scientific establishment, with several important men working there.

On the other hand Kharkiv radio telescope is only a reklama. It'll take some time before the thing is really working. (Subject displayed particular dislike towards Kharkiv. He said the city ~~is~~ is full of Jews and Russians /scientists/ who have no interest in the Ukraine, and always look up to Moscow. "I feel a lot better in Moscow than in Kharkiv". Kharkiv does not even have a direct TV link with Kiev, only via Moscow. The three most important cities in the Ukraine /to him/ are Kiev, Lviv and Odessa. From other conversations it appeared that even Jews in Odessa are better because they care more for things Ukrainian.

Is the Subject a blatant anti-Semite? This would be a wrong conclusion. He does use the word zhyd instead of yevrey but not in the sense that Russians use the word. He feels there is nothing wrong with the word, and where he comes from this is what the Jews themselves are using.

His anti-Jewish attitude is based on specific cases and persons. He does not like their lack of loyalty to the country (Ukraine) in which they live. He noted their clannishness in the scientific field, but here he took them as his own example: currently he has six West Ukrainian students working under him. "This is asking for a charge of bourgeois nationalism", but when I took these boys I knew that they were solid mathematicians, so why shouldn't I give them a chance to develop further."

"Occasionally," he said, "one of my students comes to me and says something like 'Oh, that Jew has really gotten under my skin.' And I tell him, 'You get under his skin. Here you are, living on your own soils and you can't compete with someone who is thousand or kilometers away from his soil' The whole thing deals with competition among scientists."

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Subject asked, what do you think about this petition, which was signed by some 100 people in Kiev? I was told that it looked like a very ordinary, h-d disappears, on me, that in fact it was very bad. I know a lot of people who signed it and who are now sorry they did. Why? The whole thing was organized by the Jews. And everyone, including the KGB knows who the organizers were. But a lot of Ukrainians signed it, and it is they, the Ukrainians, who are in trouble. The organizers were left alone. That's one side of the coin. But the petition is also a bad thing, because had the Ukrainians asked the Jews something like that, the Jews would have refused.

Why are only the Ukrainians persecuted for the petition? Because they are the largest element. There are only three million Jews, a few Armenians and Georgians. If any of them stir trouble the authorities do not pay that much attention. But when the Ukrainians start somethin... "Don't forget, there are 45 million of us, i could cause real trouble."

KICHKO: "I saw his book when it first came out, looked at it, and didn't even want to buy it. Why should I bother with that stuff." Then, he said he heard about the stir it created throughout the world, and he began to wonder about the whole thing. "Tell me, doesn't it seem strange to you, that when books like that are published in the Soviet Union about the Christian religion, no one says a word, but there are a number of such books published. But when one or two ~~new~~ atheist books are published against the new religion -- would the same people join in protest? Why not? One God is as good as the other."

Names to ~~wxxxk~~ watch for:

- Yaroslav Dzyra: specialist in literature; could not defend his dissertation for a year, because he refused to remove certain passages that were not to the liking of Bileidid; and people like him. Dzyra walked the streets of Kiev like a beggar all that time, just because he refused to compromise his scholarly standards. He has recently defended the dissertation. He is also author of an article in Vitchyzna (1961 or 1962) about the meaning of certain of Bilechenko's symbols, ie. covered by Jh. from a chronicle compiled by a secretary of ~~xxk~~ Mazepa. The late Cl. Biletsky pointed this out to Dzyra. There are only two copies of the chronicle in existence.
- Cleksandr Ilchenko -- a true linguist, as opposed to the of civil ones like Illich and Sushanivsky. Anything he has to say about language is worth reading.

HIG INSTITUTE: A new one is now being built, and there will be a hotel and a restaurant adjoining it. The restaurant will have some originality consisting of old furniture and reproduction furniture to fit the theme of old Kiev.

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